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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/904,954

) Group Art Unit: 1646

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For: DNA ENCODING A HEK LIGAND  
POLYPEPTIDE (Amended)

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**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE**

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004. The period for response has been extended to December 24, 2004, by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and extension fee enclosed herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants propose to amend the application as follows: